

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods for agglomerating particulate material, especially iron ore and iron ore which is difficult or impossible to bind using known binders and techniques, by rendering the surface of the material negative, by chelating interfering elements in or on the material to permit effective performance of the binder, or by using a binding effective amount of a polymeric binder, sodium carbonate, sodium citrate, and, optionally, caustic.

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